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Respect for the purposes and principles contained in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international cooperation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms and in solving international problems of humanitarian character

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in accordance with Article 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, all Member States have pledged themselves to take joint and separate action, in cooperation with the Organization, for the achievement of the purposes set forth in Article 55, including universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling also the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,

Considering that the promotion and protection of human rights are a matter of priority for the international community,

Considering also the major changes taking place on the international scene and the aspirations of all peoples for an international order based on the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, including promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all and respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, peace, democracy, justice, equality, rule of law, pluralism, development, better standards of living and solidarity,

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Recognizing that the international community should devise ways and means to remove current obstacles and meet the challenges to the full realization of all human rights and to prevent the continuation of human rights violations resulting therefrom throughout the world, as well as to continue to pay attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights,

Reaffirming that the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights is essential for the full achievement of the purposes of the United Nations and that the promotion and protection of all human rights for all are the first responsibility of Governments,

Bearing in mind the various articles of the Charter of the United Nations setting out the respective powers and functions of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account that, in accordance with Article 103 of the Charter of the United Nations, in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the Members of the United Nations under the Charter and their obligations under any other international agreement, their obligations under the Charter shall prevail,

Recalling that humanitarian assistance should be provided in accordance with and with due respect for the guiding principles contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991, and recognizing the importance of the principles of neutrality, humanity and impartiality for the provision of humanitarian assistance,

1. *Affirms* the solemn commitment of all States to enhance international cooperation in the field of human rights and in the solution to international problems of humanitarian character in full compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, inter alia, by the strict observance of all the principles set forth in its Article 2;

2. *Stresses* the vital role of the work of United Nations and regional arrangements, acting consistently with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms, as well as in solving international problems of humanitarian character, and affirms that no State or group of States has the right to intervene unilaterally in any other State, particularly through armed force;

3. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate fully in the search for peaceful solutions to international problems of humanitarian character and to comply strictly, in their actions towards that purpose, with basic principles and norms of international law, inter alia, through the full respect for international human rights and humanitarian law;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of Member States, organs, bodies and other components of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and to disseminate it on the widest possible basis;

5. *Decides* to consider this question at its fifty-sixth session under the item entitled "Human rights questions".